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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation

(Report #13 - As of 6:00 AM EDT)

1. Army leaders are reportedly outraged by the killing of six top generals by members of the pro-Communist "30 September Movement." They deeply resent Sukarno's continuing refusal to sanction a crackdown on the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI). There is also considerable suspicion in Indonesian official circles that Sukarno was personally involved in the plotting. The US Embassy in Djakarta has noted unconfirmed reports that Sukarno suffered a heart attack during the morning of 2 October.

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3. The PKI, for its part, appears to be going underground. Some Communists have expressed complete hopelessness unless Sukarno uses his political magic to salvage the party. PKI Chairman Aidit may be in hiding, probably in Central Java.

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4. The US Embassy in Djakarta has offered its estimate of the current situation. The Embassy said, "on balance, we believe that Sukarno will retain office (if his health permits) but with his hold on the rein of power weakened." For the army leaders, the Embassy concludes, "it's now or never."

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